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IN RE APPLN. OF: ERICKSON ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO. 09/720,276  
FILED: March 7, 2001  
FOR: FITNESS ASSAY AND ASSOCIATED METHODS

GROUP ART UNIT: 1648  
EXAMINER: LE  
ATTORNEY DOCKET: 207596

**MESSAGE:**

DEAR MS. LE,

ATTACHED IS THE "REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP" AND ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK THAT WE FILED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2003. THUS FAR, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE RETURN POSTCARD OR ANY CONFIRMATION THAT ARUN GHOSH HAS BEEN ADDED AS AN INVENTOR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING THIS PAPERWORK TO THE APPROPRIATE AREA FOR PROCESSING. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US.  
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**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 207596  
DHHS Ref. E-200-1998/0-PCT-03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Erickson et al.

Application No. 09/720,276

Filed: March 7, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: S. Foley

Confirmation No.: 9981

For: **FITNESS ASSAY AND ASSOCIATED METHODS**

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP OF PATENT  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), Applicants hereby request that the above-captioned patent application ("present application") be amended to include Arun Ghosh as an inventor.

2. The present application is the national stage of PCT/US99/14119, filed on June 23, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/090,393, filed on June 23, 1998. Arun Ghosh is named as an inventor in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/090,393.

3. At the time that PCT/US99/14119 was filed, it was believed that the claims of PCT/US99/14119 did not include the contribution of Arun Ghosh.

4. At the time that the present application was filed, it was believed that the claims of the present application did not include the contribution of Arun Ghosh.

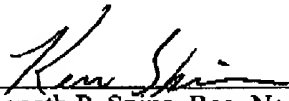
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U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/720,276

Since then, Applicants have become aware of information relating to Arun Ghosh's inventive contributions, which is believed to warrant his inclusion as an inventor in the present application.

5. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), further submitted herewith are:
- (a) Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2) by Arun Ghosh;
  - (b) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by Arun Ghosh;
  - (c) Written Consent of Assignee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5), by the Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, along with a general delegation of authority; and
  - (d) Written Consent of Assignee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5), by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, along with a copy of an assignment, executed on August 20, 2003, conveying Arun Ghosh's rights in the present application to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

6. Please charge **Deposit Account No. 12-1216** for the processing fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Date: September 26, 2003

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the attached Request For Correction of Inventorship of Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), including any documents or materials referred to thereon as enclosures or attachments, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: September 26, 2003

Ellen K. Maul

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2)

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Dear Sir:

I understand that I am to be named a joint inventor of the above-identified patent application. The error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Arun K. Ghosh  
Arun K. Ghosh

Date: August 20, 2003